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1005	160	2005	80
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Total Claims		22**	
Independent Claims		4	
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Extra Claims		Fee from below	
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1201	84	2201	42
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1251	110	2251	55
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1254	1,450	2254	725
1255	1,970	2255	985
1404	320	2401	160
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1453	1,300	2453	650
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1503	630	2503	315
1460	130	2460	130
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1806	180	1806	180
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Mohan V. Kalkunte

Application No.: 09/131,141

Filed: August 7, 1998

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
PRESERVING FRAME ORDERING
ACROSS AGGREGATED LINKS
BETWEEN SOURCE AND DESTINATION
NODES

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION

BOX NON-FEE AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 5, 2003, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to consider the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Following is a complete set of claims as amended with this Response.

- 1 1. (Currently Amended) A method for preserving frame order of a plurality of frames
2 transmitted over a plurality of communication links, the method comprising:
3 receiving the plurality of frames transmitted over the plurality of communication links;
4 asserting a plurality of indications each denoting the start of frame transmission on a
5 corresponding communication link;
6 for each indication being asserted, generating a [corresponding] pointer value associated
7 with a corresponding [the respective] frame being transmitted over the corresponding